THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 4th day of JANUARY, 1994, there was conducted a REGULAR PUBLIC Session of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Cameron County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

THE COURT MET AT: 1:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.

COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

JAMES R. MATZ

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

NATIVIDAD VALENCIA

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA

COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Antonio O. Garza, Jr. He then asked the entire Court to lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on December 30, 1993, at 8:06 A. M.:

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(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, requested approval of the late claim as to the Task Force Fund, Warrant No. 90574, in the amount of \$ 1,981.81.

Commissioner Matz moved that the County Claims be approved as presented, inclusive of the late claim as to Warrant No. 90574 in the amount of \$ 1,981.81, and as recommended by the County Auditor.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried the following vote:

AYE: Commissioners Matz and Cascos

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Cascos as to the claims of:

LANDAIR TRAVEL

Warrant No. 90369 - \$ 266.00, Warrant No. 90370 - \$ 106.00, and

WATERS IMPLEMENT:

Warrant No. 90466 - \$ 102.44.

The Affidavit is as follows:

(2) APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Fiscal Year 1994 Budget Amendment No. 94-08 and the Salary Schedules for the District Attorney's Office, Fund Nos. 21-474 and 21-475, and the Health Department, Fund No. 27-637 were approved.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos questioned the status of payments from the Cities of Harlingen and San Benito regarding the Los Indios Bridge.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, responded that he was trying to arrange a Meeting with the County Judge and the two (2) Mayors, possibly in the afternoon, adding that they were "real close" to resolving the issues through negotiations.

The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedules are as follows:

NOTE: COMMISSIONER VALENCIA ARRIVED AT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.

(3) IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES' OF NOVEMBER 19, 1993, DECEMBER 7, 15 AND 21, 1993 (TABLED)

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, this Item was TABLED for one (1) week.

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(4) AUTHORIZATION TO DESIGNATE EL JARDIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 6911 BOCA CHICA BLVD., BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, AS THE POLLING PLACE FOR VOTER PRECINCT NO. 14

Commissioner Cascos moved that El Jardin Elementary School, 6911 Boca Chica Blvd., Brownsville, Texas, be designated as the Polling Place for Voter Precinct No. 14.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

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(5) IN THE MATTER OF THE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND BALLENGER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO RELOCATE FENCES AND GATES ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 100 AT A COST OF \$38,265.00 AND DESIGNATE THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND AS THE FUNDING SOURCE (TABLED)

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, this Item was TABLED for one (1) week.

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(6) ACTION ON THREE (3) CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS TO THE PARKING LOT AT THE IOWA AVENUE COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,260.00 AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDING SOURCE

Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, explained that the Change Orders were to improve the design of the Parking Lot in order to prevent flooding in the future.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the three (3) Construction Change Orders concerning the Parking Lot at the Iowa Avenue County Health Clinic in the amount of \$3,260.00 be approved, said funds to be allocated from the Certificate of Obligations Fund.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

The Change Orders are as follows:

(7) ACTION TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE IOWA STREET CLINIC

Mr. Rolando Martinez, Health Administrator, explained that the City of Brownsville requested the installation of five (5) Fire Dampers in order to be in compliance with their Regulations.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, Change Order No. 5, for the renovation of the Iowa Street Clinic, was approved.

The Change Order is as follows:

<u>"CONSENT" AGENDA ITEMS</u>

(8) IN THE MATTER TO CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR THE REDUCTION OF TELEPHONE EXPENSES AND IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES WITH TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR (TABLED)

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, this Item was

TABLED for one (1) week.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR "CONSENT" AND WERE EITHER RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD, WITHIN BUDGET OR AWARDED TO THE LOW RIDDER:

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the "Consent"

Agenda Items were approved as follows:

(9) APPROVAL TO RENT SPACE FOR THE WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN (WIC) SATELLITE CLINIC IN PORT ISABEL, TEXAS, FROM PADRE RENTALS AND REAL ESTATE

The Lease Agreement follows:

- (10) AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY, FOR CORPS OF ENGINEER PERMIT FOR DOCKS RECONFIGURATION AND REPAIR AT SEA RANCH MARINA, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, AND PLACEMENT OF MOORING BUOYS IN MARINA VICINITY
- (11) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID TO TEXAS KEY LA ESPERANZA HOME FOR BOYS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES ON THE CJD PURCHASE OF JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT

The Contract follows:

- (12) AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT AND TO RE-ADVERTISE BIDS FOR PATROL CARS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
- (13) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS FOR ONE (1) PICKUP TRUCK, IN STOCK, FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Bids received and opened follow:

- (14) AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE BUDGETS:
 - a. County Auditor and two (2) Assistant Auditors to attend a two-day Seminar, being held at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, on January 31, 1994, in Austin, Texas;
 - b. Chief Juvenile Officer and Assistant Chief Juvenile Officer to attend the Chief's Meeting to be held January 16 19, 1994, in Austin, Texas;
 - c. Chief Juvenile Officer to attend the "1994 TPA Legislative Training Conference Planning Committee Meeting" to be held January 9 11, 1994, in Austin, Texas;
 - d. Two (2) Drug Enforcement Task Force Officers to attend the "Commanders Regional Meeting" on January 5, 1994, in Houston, Texas;
 - e. One (1) Health Department Employee to attend the "Breastfeeding Educator Training Program" on February 7 9, 1994, in McAllen, Texas; and
 - f. Four (4) Health Department Employees to attend "CPR Instructor Training Course", on January 8, 17 and 18, 1994, in Harlingen, Texas.

ITEM NO. 9 APPROVAL TO RENT SPACE FOR THE WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN (WIC) SATELLITE CLINIC IN PORT ISABEL, TEXAS, FROM PADRE RENTALS AND REAL ESTATE

The Lease Agreement follows:

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AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID TO TEXAS KEY LA ESPERANZA HOME FOR BOYS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES ON THE CJD PURCHASE OF JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT

The Contract follows:

ITEM NO. 13 AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS FOR ONE (1) PICKUP TRUCK, IN STOCK, FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Bids received and opened follow:

(15) EXECUTIVE SESSION

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

a) In the Matter concerning the lease value of County land pertaining to Commercial Boating and Charter Activities in the Sea Ranch Marina, Isla Blanca Park, pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072. (TABLED)

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, this Item was TABLED for one (1) week.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 1:50 P.M. to discuss the following matter:

a. Discuss litigation on Case No. 92-06-02450-A, Hokanson, et. al., vs. Cameron County, pursuant to, Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(A) and (B).

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 2:15 P.M.

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(16) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Action regarding discussion of litigation and settlement on Case No. 92-06-02450-A, Hokanson, et. al., vs. Cameron County.

Judge Garza reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that Counsel be directed to continue negotiations and to pursue settlement, along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session, and that Counsel report to the Court in one (1) week regarding the outcome of said matter, or whether or not said matter would be set for trial on Monday, January 10, 1994.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, Counsel was directed to continue negotiations and to pursue settlement, concerning Case No. 92-06-02450-A, Hokanson, et. al., vs. Cameron County, along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session, and that Counsel report to the Court in one (1) week, regarding the outcome, or whether said matter would be set for trial on Monday, January 10, 1994.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

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APPROVED this 18th day of JANUARY, 1994.

ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR. COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

JOE G. RIVERA, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS